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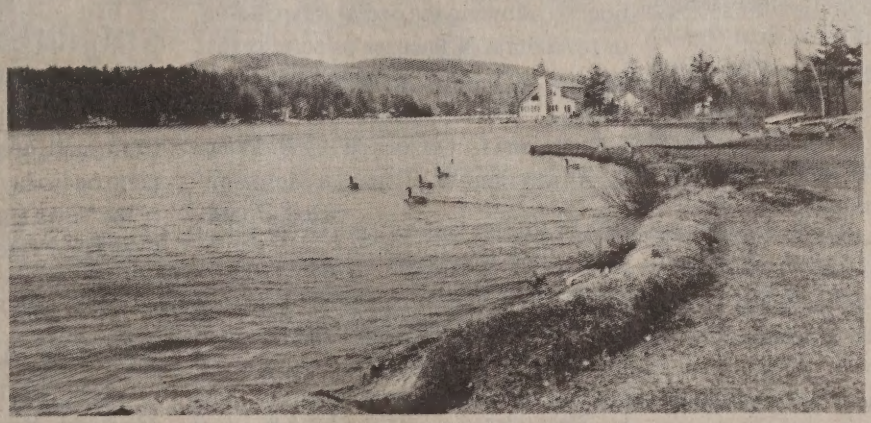
THE TOWN

Joyce and Lew Scheffey Honored. The Great Barrington Rotary Club has elected the Scheffeys as Citizens of the Year for their many contributions to the Berkshire community. Monterey is particularly grateful to them for many reasons, most recently for their enginee ring the purchase by the Monterey Land Preservation Trust of the Hungerford Road 235 acres. This purchase guarantees the land's natural beauty and recreational pleasures for generations. Many Montereyans contributed to this effort, but without Joyce and Lew's quick recognition that the Land Trust had an option to buy within a limited time and their swift mobilization of community resources, the property would have been carved up as a residential development. Also in the past election year, the Scheffeys brought Monterey's attention to an organized effort for campaign finance reform. Monterey had the highest percentage vote in the state for reform. For many more contributions, Berkshire County thanks Joyce and Lew for their citizenship.

Sheffield School Vote. The Sheffield Special Town Meeting voted by a predictably wide margin in favor of weighted voting by school committee members to solve the South Berkshire district impasse on how to provide committee representation that approximates the number of voting residents. The vote in favor was 228 to 64 votes for the Alford compromise. Monterey, Egremont, New Marlborough, and Alford will vote on the same two proposals at their Annual Town Meetings in May. The five towns must unanimously agree or tne court will decide the solution. How the towns vote may influence the court's decision. Past voting on this issue indicates no unanimous votes in favor of weighted voting.



Looking west on Lake Buel

Dust off the Dancing Shoes. The Anniversary Committee is planning a dance for the evening of August 2 with the Shea Swing Orchestra. Reservations for 125 couples at $50 per may be made through Muriel Lazzarini - 528-5796.

Public Hearing. Changes in the Town's Bylaws will be aired Monday, April 7 at the Select Board Meeting. These changes regard recycling, providing for an Enforcement Officer; the Historic District; and withholding permits from delinquent taxpayers.

Miscellany. Police Chief Backhaus was commended and thanked by Stockbridge Police Chief Richard Wilcox for his help in a stolen property case. He writes, "Given the size and weight of the items we recovered you certainly went above and beyond the call of duty by providing us with transportation and a strong back in getting them back to Stockbridge."

Wayne Burkhart, chair of the Solid Waste Committee, met with the Board March 3 regarding the sale of composting bins to Townspeople under a Department of Environmental Protection grant. Selectman Peter Brown told the Monterey News the same evening that when warmer weather arrives work will resume on River Road. The M assachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) is financing the stabilization of road erosion. Maybe the road will be open this sum mer.

County Gov't Meeting Rescheduled The Meeting on the Fate of County Government has been rescheduled for April 4, 7:30 p.m. at the Monterey firehouse. The March 14 meeting was canceled because of weather. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the restructuring of county government and how Berkshire County's towns and cities will be affected by possible changes. This meeting, hosted by the Monterey Democratic Committee, is for information, not politics. All residents of the county and the League of Women Voters are invited to attend. County Commissioners as well as State Senator Andrea Nuciforo and State Representative Christopher Hodgkins will participate in a forum about the functio n of county government and the consequences which may result if the state assumes the responsibilities of the

county. Because the outcome of this question will affect every resident, this meeting is important.

Clinton Visits Select Board. Bill Clinton, President of the U.S., on the night of March 3, stopped by to congratulate the Board on its dedication and hard work and to inquire about the Annual Town Meeting, according to the minutes taken by Select Board Secretary Judith Kales. Brown and Chapman detailed for the President their philosophies on streamlining government and preparing a balanced budget. Clinton expressed disappointment at the absence of Select Board Chair Gige O'Connell and asked that the Board extend his warmest regards to her. He concluded his visit with an invitation to Brown and Chapman to join him at McDonald's in Great Barrington for a Big Mac and fries. Since the hour was so late, they declined. **Options Open For a Night in Town Hall.** You, too, can influence politics in Monterey. Make reservations through the Select Board to bring your bedroll and pocketbook to spend the night at Town Hall. You will be guaranteed breakfast with the Board and a poster of Lincoln displayed in the Hall.

April Foolishness by Jane Black

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PUBLIC HEARING

The Monterey Select Board will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, April 7, 1997, at 8 p.m. at the Town Hall/ Monterey Grange #291 with regard to proposed changes to the Town Bylaws that will be presented at the Annual Town Meeting on May 3, 1997.

The proposed changes are as follows:

1) Correction of Article X, Section 4, of the Town's Bylaw on Mandatory Recycling by providing for an Enforcement Officer.

2) Establishment of a Historic District in the Town's center.

3) Adoption of a provision of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 4, Section 57, allowing the denial, suspension or revocation of licenses or permits for anyone who owes municipal taxes or charges.

Georgiana C. O'Connell, Chair Peter S. Brown Fred W. Chapman Monterey Select Board

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NOTICE

The Town Hall will be closed for the observance of Patriots Day on Monday, April 21, 1997.

The summer hours for the Monterey Transfer Station will commence on Sunday, April 6, 1997, as follows: Sunday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (unchanged) Saturday: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (unchanged).

Applications for authorized users' vehicles may be obtained at the Town Hall at any time; completed applications, together with the fee, may be mailed or left at the Town Hall. The sticker will be mailed to the applicant.

Georgiana C. O'Connell, Chair Peter S. Brown, Fred W. Chapman Monterey Select Board

COUNCIL ON AGING

Spring has arrived and the Senior Luncheons will start again. The Monterey COA will host a Spring Luncheon at noon on Friday, April 25 in the basement of the Town Hall. It's been a long winter. Come and visit with old friends.

Pauline Nault

BEFORE AND AFTER...

NO, NOT THE MOVIE.... The *Monterey News* is collecting photographs that depict Monterey scenes before and after the tornado. Send to P.O. Box 9, 01245. All photos will be returned.

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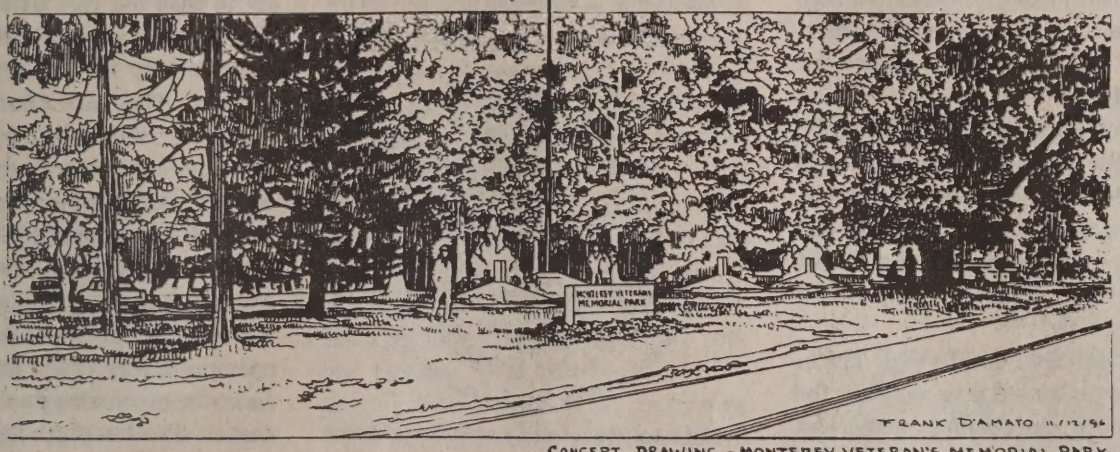
The Monterey Veterans Memorial has been a project in planning for a number of years. The Sesquicentennial Celebration and the generous donation of land by the Town have come together to make this project a reality. The Monterey Veterans Memorial Park, complete with three separate memorials bearing the names of veterans of World War II, Korea, Vietnam will be dedicated on July 4, 1997 (WW I veterans are remembered in a plaque at the library and could be moved to the park at a later date. Plans are being considered for a Civil War and Revolutionary War memorials as well).

Names of veterans who are, or were, full-time residents or longtime summer residents of Monterey will be inscribed on the memorials. Help is needed. The committee must raise $13,000 from private individuals to complete the memorial. A fund-raising letter will be mailed in the near-future. Information is available at the Town Hall or through Dean Amidon.



CONCEPT DRAWING - MONTEREY VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK

World War II

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Korea

Brockman, William I. - Champigny, Carl E. - Champigny, Earl P. - Cherneff, Martin H. - Everitt, Daniel - Fenn, Frank Lewis Jr. - Hal l, Clarence W. - Hall, Ernest A. - Hasko, Charles S. - Hastedt, Arthur C. - Hayes, Arnold A. - Haynes, Nathan C. Jr. - Locke, Edward- Lyman, Douglas - Maxwell, William - Owen, John A. - Palmer, Dorothea - Palmer, Wayne - Schneider, Robert - Trott, Stuart H.

Vietnam

Amidon, Dean P. Jr. - Amidon, Phillip B. - Brallier, Stanley - Bradley, Thomas F. - Bull, Jared - Bynack, Mike - Dutcher, James - Fi eld, Wayne - Hall, Clarence W. - Hastedt, David A. - Hayes, Arnold A. - Heath, Kenneth - Jenkins, Ian Ross - Johnson, Elmer - Leavitt, Aaron M. - LeComte, Douglas M. - L'Hommedieu, Charles - Mielke, William E. Jr. - Parret, David - Phelps, Frederick - Place, Joanne - Price, Hampton - Sawers, Robert E. - Thompson, Lyman - VanHorn, Mark - Vickerman, Peter - Vickerman, Thomas - Walsh, Brook - Wol f, Emmanuel C. - Zucco, John V.

SESQUICENTENNIAL UPDATE

With 122 days until the Big Party, (Aug. 1st, 2nd, 3rd) the next update will be less than 100 days to go and the Memorial Day Parade will be nearly upon us. Plans continue to evolve, and enthusiasm grows. The steering committee has settled on a logo/slogan for the celebration. The theme "150 Anniversary Celebration...'tis the people who make the place" will be wrapped around the Town Seal.

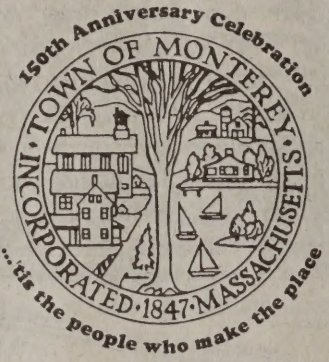
The committee wishes to thank the many people who submitted ideas and slogans, especially Maureen Meier who created a wonderful collection. Several of her slogans will be used on a T-shirt and mugs, but we are keeping that a surprise for now.

Plans for the semiformal dance, (jacket and tie for the men, no jeans for men or women), are coming together and will be held in the Firehouse on Saturday Aug. 2nd.

The music will be provided by the Shea Swing Band with seventeen members. The Shea Band specializes in Big Band music of the Forties and Fifties. The bash will start at seven o'clock with cocktails until eight. The music and dancing will start at eight. Food will be provided at the tables by a professional catering service and hors d' oeuvres will be brought to the table several times during the evening. A cash bar will be available.

The layout for the tables, which will be both inside the firehouse and outside under tents, permit the sale of only 230 tickets. The Steering Committee expects great pressure for tickets. The tickets will go on sale in early April for twenty-five dollars per person. It is hoped that Monterey residents will request their tickets early so that members of the community can be assured of joining in the dance.

The tickets will l be numbered for a specific table. A table can be reserved for two hundred dollars. So get some of your



friends together and reserve a table for a fun evening. The less formal dance will be in the pavilion with the DJ Don Blanchard. Don has a reputation for creating a great dance. The pavilion dance will start at eight and will cost five dollars. It will go on late into the night.

Tis the people who make the place, and we still need more people to volunteer. We are planning a special volunteer T- shirt for those who really get involved, and it's guaranteed to be the prize souvenir of the celebration. If you would like to help, here is a brief list of the people, both steering committee and coordinators, who you can contact.

Friday evening Dean Amidon and Stefan Grotz have primary responsibility with entertainment coordinated by Karl Finger. On Saturday the responsibilities are divided by area. The sporting competitions will be handled by the Parks Commission. Anita Carroll-Weldon is working with the Bigger Light Theater Company, as well as with the Historical Society to plan the various historical, map and photo displays. Richard Nault has responsibility for the Arts, and Crafts displays. The Lake Garfield activities are being handled by Muriel Lazzarini from the committee and Karl Quisenberry. The sale of merchandise and souvenirs is being handled by myself, Ian Jenkins, with Gina Miller's expertise in design and planning. Among other things, we someone to coordinate the selling operations. Ray Tryon and Muriel Lazzarini are organizing the Saturday Night dances. The Interfaith Service is under the direction of Reverend Keith Snow. Bob Raush is organizing the nature and history walks. Kim Hines is handling Gould Farm's contribution, including the barbecue Friday evening, the Hay rides, and tours of the Farm. I (Ian Jenkins) am also responsible for publicity before the events and would appreciate anybody with experience in publicity or local media contacts to lend a helping hand . I've met some wonderful people working on the Celebration, and I hope you will also make new friends and met more of your neighbors, so join us.

Ian Jenkins

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THE MAY 26 PARADE

Our Memorial Day/150th Anniversary Parade committee continues to march along! We share great excitement seeing that many of the seeds we planted earlier are beginning to sprout now. And some are even taking root! Parade participants will literally be marching to the beat of several different drummers as we bring together an electric mix to enhance our Past, Present, and Future contingents. It promises to be a parade of transition: from oxen to solar car, from fife and drumto energy drum, from solemn to joyous, commemoration to celebration.

We invite you to participate; it's not too late! If you or your group would like to be in the parade it would help us a great deal if you would fill out a participation form and return it to us ASAP! Forms are available in both stores and in the Town Hall foyer. Please specify on your form if you are simply interested in being teamed with another group. There will be a place for you!

There are other ways you might help. At present we are looking for some reasonably clean flat white sheets that we can use for banners. Keep that in mind if you are doing some spring cleaning! Or, do you have a convertible that might be used to transport some participants unable to march? Call Barbara Gauthier at 528-1624 if you can offer either of these.

We are also hoping for some fairly comprehensive documentation of this event so please plan to bring those cameras. We would love to have your doubles! If you are willing to help with video please call Tom Rosenthal at 528-9380. Most importantly, this anniversary year is such a special one for our community. Plan to be there—on May 26th—that we may commemorate and celebrate together.

Stephanie Grotz (528-4519)

LAKE GARFIELD NEWS

The Lake Garfield Association is currently planning an event(s) for Saturday August 2 as part of the upcoming 150th anniversary celebration. Current thoughts range from a guided tour of the lake to some kind of boating race. The lake tour could provide a great opportunity for those people who have no lake access or boats a chance to see the beauty of Lake Garfield and learn some of the history too. We are hoping to have several pontoon boats available to drive people around. Our ideas for a race range from skulls to canoes to sailboats. The obvious drawback of the sailboat race is our general lack of wind , but with a flexible setup to the course, even this could probably be overcome.

This notice is a general call for ideas and help. The Lake is an important feature of the town. If you would like to offer me some help in arranging an event, or have another idea (fishing tournament, ski show, etc.) that you think could work, please call me at 1-888-888-2054 or E-mail at ParagonDes@aol.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

David Quisenberry, President Lake Garfield Association

DAFFODIL REPORT

I hope you all enjoyed your daffodils. As you read this I am in Florida, having left the winding up of daffodil sales to Pat Schoonmaker and Maynard and Gayle. The sales this year were well up from last year, with 345 being sold last count. Jane Kessler caught some sales from Tyringham and Maureen Haugh from New Marlboro. Another new worker this year was Leona Chamberlain. Thanks to Maynard for his donations to the elderly, which Cynthia Webber distributes. Thank you for all your donations to the American Cancer Society. See you after mud season.

Fran Amidon

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AND GOD SAID: "LISTEN UP!"

I have been reminded this Lenten season, with the reading of the lessons from the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament), that there is a wonderful word that often gets lost in religious discussions: covenant.

A simple, dictionary definition is: "A binding agreement made by two or more persons or parties." (The American Heritage Dictionary). In the great Biblical stories of Noah, Abraham and Sarah,and Moses and Zipporah, the word "covenant" was used to define God's promises. Water, fire, smoke, lightning, thunder, dreams and visions, all were used by God to say: "I have something to tell you. Or to use the vernacular: "Listen up!"

A noticeable difference between the dictionary/secular definition and the Biblical definition of covenant is that, with the latter, God is taking the initiative and making the promise. God is assuming the responsibility for fulfilling the promise. The covenant is describing what God will do. I find that interesting, in light of what I was reflecting on in February's issue of the Monterey News about church and ministry. The dynamic (lively) nature of God's relationship with us always stands over our human tendency to build static monuments, i.e. convoluted systems of belief, institutions, doctrinal statements. It's as though we don't trust or believe that God will do or be what God said!

Therefore, we find it necessary to "trap" or "catch" God in some doctrinal or institutional form. It is at that point that the secular definition of covenant takes over. Now we are engaged in a contractual relationship in which there are two equal parties. And each party must "guarantee" that they will fulfill the contract. This "guaranteeing" is what the legal profession is built upon.

Trust has been replaced by suspicion. One is no longer able to believe or trust another's word. The religious or spiritual dimension has been lost. The Creator has been placed on an equal footing with the "creature." How did that shift happen?

It is a curiosity that intrigues me. Is it impossible for us to live with the ever active and surprising presence of God? Must we insist on reducing God to the predictable and unimaginative? The wonderful stories of Noah, Abraham and Sarah, and Moses and Zipporah reveal a God who comes crashing into their worlds and makes enormous and life-changing demands. Their lives will never be the same.

But it is the "promise" of God that brings stability. The covenant that God initiates with all of these people will be honored. And the stories recount the "shaking of their foundations". Disbelief, doubt, fear, anxiety, memory lapses, all crowd God's covenant. And, of course, it is at that intersection of human disbelief and fear with God's promise and faithfulness where the idols are built. Anything from a golden calf to "the Bible says!" To come to terms with God's covenantal relationship with us is to acknowledge with Diana Eck in her book: Encountering God - "our faith, our religious traditions are more like rivers than monuments. They are not static and they are not over." (P. IX).

God continues to crash our party and say "Listen Up!" And that is "good news"!

Keith Snow, Pastor

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SCHOOL NEWS

The Afterschool Enrichment Program being offered this month is Poetry and Writing with instructor Nick Hardcastle. Nick is also reading poems to the children from the likes of T.S. Elliot.

Shared Discovery is traveling to Japan this month. Children will have a choice of participating in Japanese cooking, language, figures, pottery, fan making and fish kites.

The P.T.A. raised $225 in their penny drive toward the New Marlborough School sign. Thanks to everyone for contributing and thanks to Sylvia Eggenberger and crew for rolling all that copper!

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THE BIDWELL HOUSE

Elaboration on the Cold-Frame.

Fortunately for historic gardeners, a number of early publications and garden journals have survived which can be referenced when trying to recreate an Heirloom Garden. One source, which particularly pertains to our area is the *Shaker Garden Manual*, published in the 1830's. In addition, there is a range of gems like *Garden of Eden* written by H. Plat in 1655, *The Family Kitchen Gardener* written by Robert Brist in 1847, *The American Home Garden: Principles and Rules for the Culture of Vegetables, Fruits, Flowers, and Shrubs* written by Alexander Watson in 1860, and perhaps the most famous is Thomas Jefferson's *Garden Book* which was a 18th century journal of his gardening experience.

All these books and more were used and are continually referenced for the Bidwell House Heirloom Vegetable Garden. Due to the Berkshire weather it is almost certain that the Bidwell garden would have had a cold-frame for starting plants early to insure a harvest in our short growing season. So we felt it is appropriate and essential to install one at the museum. Sources like some of the books just mentioned give very elaborate directions including dimensions and pictures which are a great aide to making an authentic cold-frame.

A cold-frame or garden-frame refers to the structure. It is usually made of inch and a half plank, around 18 inches at the back and about 9 inches in the front, thus making a sloped unit. Widths vary depending on the size and number of window sashes you will be us ing on the top. A thin center or sash board divides the top opening to hold the windows. The windows make the unit function like a mini greenhouse by heating up the interior in cold weather.

When the days get warmer, the windows are propped open for ventilation, then closed again at night to protect the young plants. A cold bed is made by simply setting the cold-frame over young plants set in the garden to protect them in early spring from variabl e weather. To make a hot bed for starting plants early, you take a quantity of fresh horse manure and spread it on the ground a foot longer and wider than the size of the bottom of the frame. You then build up the pile in layers, each layer packed down and watered . The finished height should be from 3 to 4 feet.

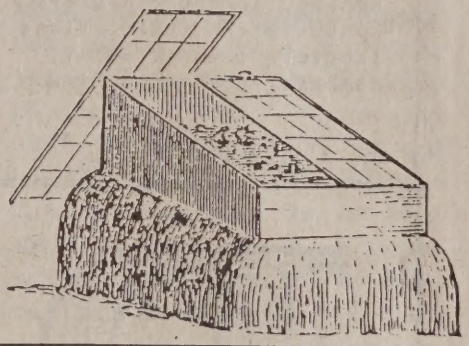
This stack is topped with the cold-frame which is then filled with rich garden soil. The heat from the manure warms the soil to a proper temperature for seeds to germinate and the frame protects the young seedlings .

Traditionally, hot beds located in vegetable gardens were built right on the ground, where as those located in flower gardens were dug down into a pit. The Bidwell House hot bed is in a pit because it is located in behind the Herb Garden.

As we hoped, this project has turned into a community venture. The horse manure was donated by Maureen Haugh and Kathy Drum at the stables on Blue Hill Road; Barbara, Dick, and Roger Tryon generously lent the use of their pick-up truck to haul two loads; Morgan Rael of Great Barrington made the frame; Ann Hanchett-Boland restored the early 19th century window sashes; and historic gardener Tom Weldon spent many hours of hard physical work putting the whole thing together. Many thanks to you all.

The garden and trails at The Bidwell House are open during the day to the community free of charge and we are always happy to answer any gardening questions.

Anita Caroll Weldon



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WEEVILS? MILFOIL FOILED - A SCIENTIFIC DETECTIVE STORY

The Weevils. Some six years ago biologists in Vermont saw something in Brownington pond. The Eurasian mifoil, a noxious water weed pest, was not flowering.

Its stems were blackening and the plants themselves were collapsing, with the result that the mats of Eurasian milfoil were less than in other ponds. They began to look at the milfoil stems to see what could be causing this phenomenon, and saw evidence of a native insect, the watermilfoil weevil (Eurychiopsis lecontei).

This native insect is about the size of a pinhead. It lives in small populations in new England lakes and ponds. The botanists tell us it has been here for about 1000 years, eating native milfoil (sibiricum) This is an insect that has a specific niche in the environment. Watermilfoil is its only home and its only food. Until very recently it had only the native mifoils in our ponds to live and feed. It is not a particularly prolific insect. It lays its eggs on the milfoil branch. The eggs hatch into larvae and the larvae enter the stem of the milfoil, eating out the center of the milfoil stem and ultimately causing the plant to collapse and die. Pondweed, elodia, coontail and naiad, the most common water plants in our lakes and ponds, were unaffected. The watermilfoil weevil does not attach itself to fish, animals or humans.

The population of weevils were found to wax and wane with the presence of milfoil in the pond. These weevils were achieving a biological control of the milfoil in their neighborhood. Biological control is not the same as eradication. In other words, the weevils ate enough of the plants to feed themselves, but did NOT eat every one, so there would be some left to live on and feed themselves later. They did not feed on other water plants. A very sound ecological practice, and not only for weevils. We could take a lesson on planet management from these little guys. And so, historically , the small populations of weevils fed on the local native water milfoil, and ponds were in balance as far as milfoil was concerned. Biological control was achieved. Then in the mid 1900s, entered the villain, Eurasian watermilfoil.

The Eurasian Milfoil Problem - Efforts to Contain It. Eurasian Water Milfoil (spicatum), an exotic plant which has broken into the environment, has been infesting lakes in the United states and Southern Canada. It spreads by cuttings; small pieces from boat propellers and bits of its branches will each take root and grow up as a plant. The mats formed by these plants harm the fisheries by taking up oxygen from the water and by raising the temperature of the water. The mats are also the bane of boaters and swimmers, preventing use of portions

of portions of the lake. Various methods have been used to attempt control of the milfoil infestation. Herbicides have not been used at Lake Garfield. Grass carp, a supposedly sterile fish, has been mentioned. This method,however, is illegal because the grass carp too is an exotic species, and these fish cannot be guaranteed to be sterile. Mechanical control such as harvesting and lake drawdown have been done with some success. Biological controls have been investigated. In addition to the milfoil weevil Eurychiopsis lecontei, the larvae of certain moths, a species of beetle, and some other weevils have been tried in control efforts. But none of these other insects was milfoil specific, as is the milfoil weevil.

Studies of Milfoil Weevils in New England Lakes. Over the last five years of testing in Vermont and two years of pilot programs in Massachusetts, the milfoil weevil has won the contest. It seems a better insect could not have been designed. Its numbers, alas, were small in nature. So the biologists from Middlebury College, Drs Sheldon and Creed, took some of the native weevils from Brownington pond, reared them in aquaria, and began to colonize them and their larvae in Lakes Bomoseen and Hortonia.

The results of in lake trials of the weevils in were as follows: In the enclosures where weevils were added, the milfoil did not flower as much, its stems were blackened, and the plants did not form mats. The weevils stayed on the milfoil and were not found to live on or eat other water plants. The milfoil plants sunk down 1 to 1.5 meters toward the bottom, just as they would do at the end of a growing season. Their growth was inhibited by the weevils. In the same kind of enclosures without weevils, the milfoil grew as usual.

Massachusetts Pilot Program - Results. Based on the success of the trials in Vermont, Massachusetts then decided to pilot the weevils in the Commonwealth lakes and ponds. Upper Goose Pond and Lake Mansfield were chosen. When the scientists came to study those two lakes and introduce milfoil weevils, they found small local populations of the weevils in each lake. The pilot project then was to augment, or beef up the native population, so that they would have an impact on the Eurasian milfoil. This was done, again putting weevils in some enclosures, no weevils in other enclosures and watching milfoil growth in both sets. The results were similar to those seen in Vermont. The weevils fed on the Eurasian milfoil, damaging the milfoil plants, limiting milfoil growth. The 1996 report on Lake Mansfield and Upper Goose Pond showed the weevils had survived the winter of '95 and were ready to go to work on their only business, setting up homes on, and munching milfoil. By careful study of nature, scientists have found a niche insect so well adapted to milfoil control, that it seems a more suitable one could not have been dreamed up in a genetic engineering laboratory.

Patricia Edelstein, Lake Garfield Assoc.

Ed. note: The Town last month agreed to participate in a project to introduce the weevil into the east end of Lake Garfield.

MARCH 20, 1997 PROCLAIMED "CET DAY IN THE COMMONWEALTH"

In recognition of over 20 years of contributions by the Center for Ecological Technology (CET) to the Massachusetts community in the fields of energy and resource conservation, recycling and solid waste management, environmental education, job creation and economic development, Governor William F. Weld proclaimed March 20, 1997 as "CET Day in the Commonwealth".

In honor of the day, Commissioner Peter Webber of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management visited CET and hosted a 20th Anniversary celebration and open house on Thursday, March 20th at CET's office in Pittsfield.

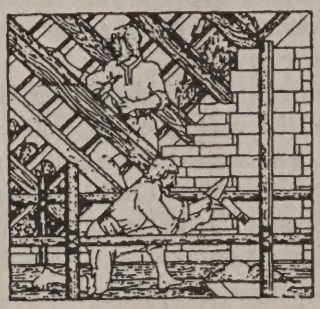
CET, founded in 1976, is a non-profit environmental organization whose goals are to research, develop, demonstrate and promote those technologies that have the least disruptive impact on the natural ecology of the earth. CET, with offices in Pittsfield and Northampton Massachusetts, has helped business, organizations and individuals protect the environment and make environmental technology accessible and affordable through education and direct service.

"It is fitting for the Citizens of Massachusetts to recognize this organization's vital contribution to the well-being of our Common wealth, as well as the importance of energy conservation, waste reduction, reuse and recycling" said Governor Weld in his Proclamation.

"As CET enters its third decade of service, we are excited about developing new programs that protect the environment, promote localeconomic development and provide education and training in our schools, businesses and communities" said Alan Silverstein, CET Co-Director. "CET has played an active role in responding to the oil crisis of the 70's, the electricity shortage of the 80's and solid waste issues of the 90's and we will continue to work to implement practical solutions to local environmental issues affecting energy, waste, water, agriculture and sustainable development" he continued.

The staff at CET is comprised of talented and responsive educators, environmentalists, solid waste specialists, energy analysts and technicians. CET participates with many regional, state and national networks to provide the most effective services to Western Massachusetts. Each year, CET helps thousands of individuals and households by providing easy, affordable and practical solutions to energy and sol id waste problems. CET is an active partner with business, industry and agriculture in reducing waste and protecting the environment.

On April 17, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pittsfield Community Television station, an interactive videoconference will be shown on "Cleaning Products ... In Our Homes, In Our Environment," coordinated by CET.



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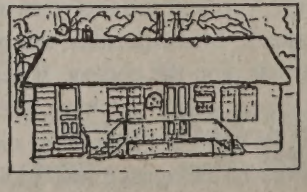


MERRIMAC SMOKED FISH

MONTEREY RESIDENT PICKED TO HEAD LITERACY NETWORK

Several weeks ago MaryKate Jordan made the transition from HospiceCare in The Berkshires to the Southern Berkshire Literacy Network, where she is now Director of the program.

The Southern Berkshire Literacy Network is a small, nonprofit organization that was started five years ago to provide adult education in basic skills such as reading and math. Housed in the Lee Library, its students and volunteerscome from all over South County.

Trained volunteers are matched with students for one-on-one tutoring, and there is no fee for this tutoring service. Last year the program matched nearly a hundred students with volunteer tutors.Tutor/student sessions vary in the vicinity of 1 1/2 hours. The frequency and duration of the sessions also vary; often the tutoring sessions are once or twice a week. The commitment can continue for several months or several years as the situation requires. Reading, writing, and math skills are taught, as well as English as a second language.The program offers adults an opportunity to work towards a high school equivalency diploma, or GED.

Studies have shown that at least 40 percent of adults in the United States are not functionally literate, which means they are not able to read to the extent that one normally encounters reading in any given day. This includes reading medicine prescriptions, directions, traffic signs, and menus. The figures are more depressing globally, where studies have shown that a majority of adults are not functionally literate.

In view of such figures, "a false innocence was ripped away from me," MaryKate said. She feels the Southern Berkshire Literacy Network gives the gift of hope and opportunity to people living in a culture that does not recognize the skills and talents required to navigate daily life without basic tools for reading or for reading in English.

A resident of Monterey for the past nine years, MaryKate was born in Lackawanna, NY. She lived in western New York for most of her c hildhood, and attended Daemen College. Wavering between a major in English and one in Art, she eventually chose art (sculpture) and graduated from college in 1968 with a Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts. Despite her final choice to major in art, MaryKate wrote "all through school."

Throughout her college years, she describes having a recognition of school and her studies existing within the context of a community and people, and not an isolated setting of education. This sense of awareness, as well as her minor in education and her interest in art and writing, has helped to shape the nature of her work right up to the present. As MaryKate puts it, "whether involved with schools or not, I've been a teacher most of my adult life."

MaryKate taught art for nine years on Long Island schools. She also taught other subjects, as needed, from math to creative writing for a year and a half in East Harlem. She left New York City after becoming involved in the study of "herbs and growing things."

Though dwelling near Central Park, the need to be in a more natural setting drew her to the Berkshires (New Marlborough) where she lived and taught at The Center of the Light, a community based on spiritual growth and methods of alternative health care. This led to two editing positions, one of which was a quarterly 16 page newsletter for "The Center of the Light." The second was a two year editorship of the "Parsely-Sage Quarterly Review."

MaryKate has published two children's books, *Losing Uncle Tim*, and *The Weather Kid*, as well as a book of poetry entitled *The Impact of Silence*. Her poems have frequently appeared in the Monterey News. MaryKate has been continuously involved in community service as seen in her years of counselor work, years as a minister, and eleven and a half years of Hospice work, both as a volunteer and an employee.

As Director and Development Coordinator of the Southern Berkshire Literacy Network, MaryKate will be using the skills she has acquired to help maintain a successful program. She is currently working on the annual April financial appeal. She also coordinates the flow of information between the board and other people in the organization and confers with volunteer coordinator Anne Lostrangio and administrative assistant Fran MacArthur to make sure the day to day operations run smoothly.

In addition, she is involved with increasing the community's awareness of the organization and the problems it is addressing, and will be involved in volunteer training. In her new position as SBLN's director, MaryKate has a personal goal to, "grow into a keener understanding of how and why this program is already working so well." She admires the great courage of the students in the program, and will use her many skills in writing, teaching, art, and community service to direct the Southern Berkshire Literacy Network.

This program is open to all South County residents who would like to become students or volunteers. To become a volunteer tutor, it is necessary to complete the volunteer training course, which takes place over a period of several weeks, and is scheduled during evenings and Saturdays. The dates for the next volunteer training sessions are still to be determined, but will be announced in The Berkshire Eagle under the volunteer listings and on WSBS. Anyone interested in learning or tutoring with the Southern Berkshire Literacy Network should call to express interest at the organization's office number, (413) 243-0471. Ask for Anne Lostrangio, the volunteer coordinator. Anna Duhon

Anna Duhon is a sophomore at Monument Mountain High School who is considering a career in journalism.

FAREWELL TO WINTER

Farewell old winter with ice and snow
And chilling blasts with each breath you blow;
With Jack Frost' s paintings on window panes,
And sparkling diamonds from freezing rains
Crowning the hillsides and valleys too
Whenever the sun comes smiling through.
On mountain tops bright sunsets glow
As the time draws near when you must go.
Now we long for spring to come once more
With juncos hopping near our door;
With robins' songs at break of dawn
And crocuses to deck the lawn.

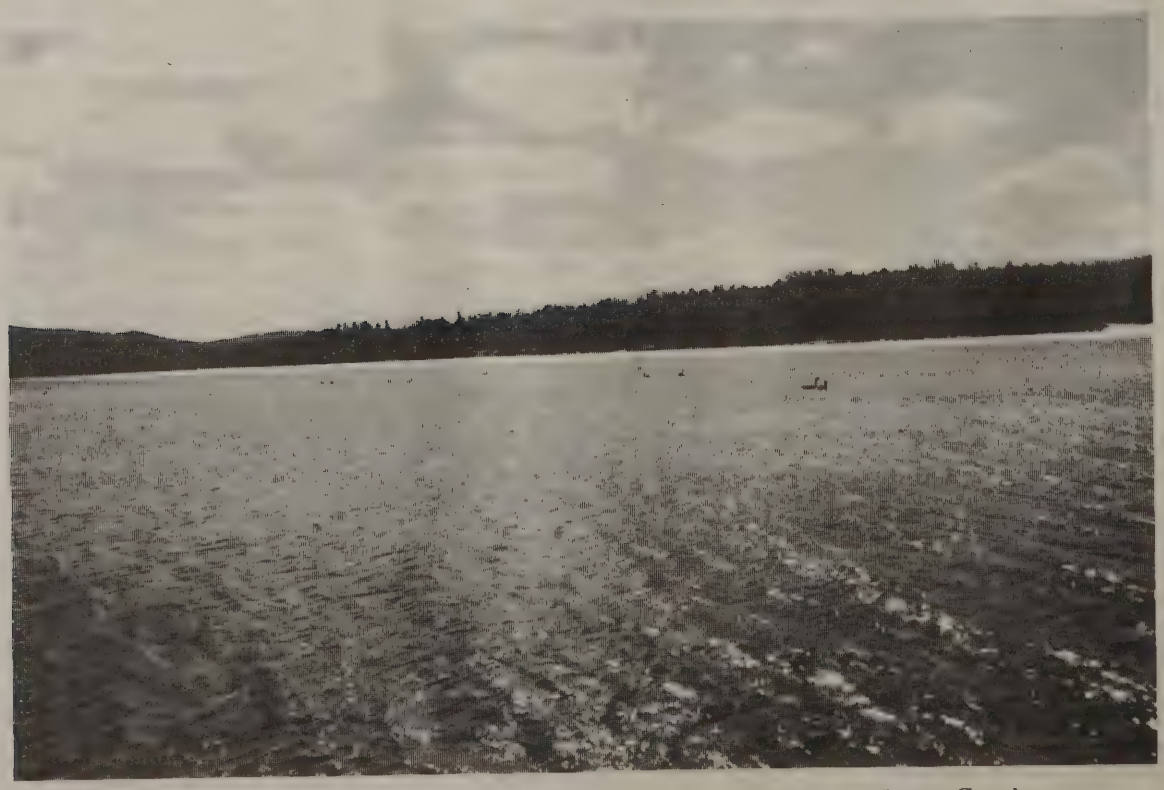
arewell old winter and welcome spring;
Welcome the flowers, and birds that sing;
Welcome the sunshine bright and warm,
And farewell to you with your cold and storm.

Eleanor Kimberley

To a Song Sparrow

Welcome, little sparrow
Your song so sweet and lively
Earns you a "shining crown" ...
You trill it in the sunshine
And in the morning rain;
Thrice welcome little songster
The spring is here again.

Eleanor Kimberley



Laura Gaccione

Dream Cycles

I've talked to people all my life,
Loving what they had to say
About giving up their dreams,
The most terrible price to pay.

They're all responsible citizens
And their families are their pride
But something down inside their soul
Has shriveled up and died.

Now they dream for their children,
Hoping they never make
Choices that make their lives
Seem like an endless mistake

He was to be an actor
That one, a baseball star,
Now they stand and wonder
When they arrived where they are

The dreams could fill a volume
Dancer, singer, and poet
Somehow we all get lost
Long before we know it

But our thread-bare dreams
Help to strengthen the seams
Of the fabric we give our children
To shape and fashion THEIR dreams.

So in their dying our dreams gave life,
To the hope our children will do
The things we never dared to chance
And make THEIR dreams come true.

But, in truth, our children will stand,
Where we are standing now
Hoping their children find the way
To fulfill their dreams, somehow.

Bruce W. Snow Sr.

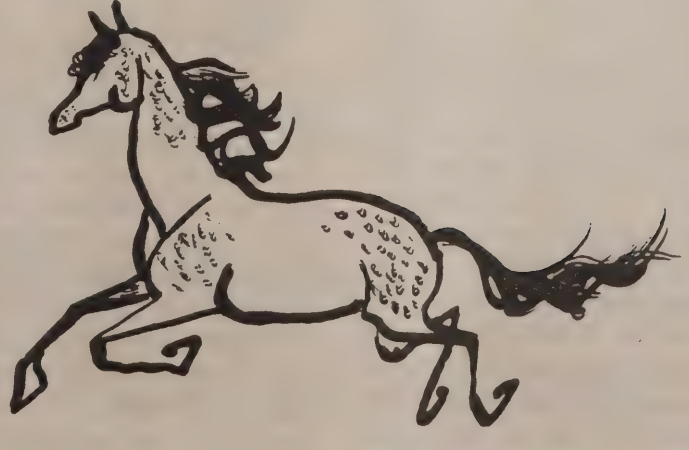
Every child craves a tribe:
human smells and movement,
signs of soul in familiar eyes

Daily rhythms
form ribbons of energy
connecting generations,
sexes
kin and kindred.
Celebration joins nature, time and personality
in responding to the whole.

I sat with you by the river
after the festival
and you said "I don't want to go home
to that big house."
and even though the tough kids scared you
and you were the sore white thumb in the crowd
you opened yourself
and asked
with your head down,
Why?"

I started to cry, as I tried to explain to you, a three year old, what has gone wrong.

Laura Gaccione



THE MALE REDWINGS ARE HERE

This is the month for all seasons, when the calendar says one thing (Vernal Equinox) and the sugar maples say another (sorry, it's been too cold for the past two weeks for us to drip any sap in the buckets). At times like this, a person needs to collect as many impressions as possible, to know where she stands season-wise.

Out in the barnyard, the horses have been shedding for a month and the goat is pregnant like a net bag full of basketballs. The seed order has arrived, the LL Bean catalogue is full of bathing suits, and jelly beans hit the supermarket three weeks back. Here and there the sap buckets have warmed up enough to make stingy little icicles where their seams have split, and I bought a new caulking gun so I can patch up the leaks if things ever loosen up enough for me to dump out the ice. It's a kind of limbo time: on the one hand, it's 15 degrees outside; on the other, the pussy willows are popping out in the swamps and the osiers are bright red. Also, one by one the hens have started up laying eggs (which freeze and break, just like the sap buckets, if you don't collect them promptly).

What makes me know for sure this is spring, is the return of the male red-wing blackbirds. Sudi and I were downtown today and heard that liquid burbling and carrying on that we usually associate with sunny days in the cattail swamp. We looked up and saw a sugar maple, grey and bare and unyielding of its sap, with about 50 black birds perched in its branches. They fluttered randomly "like black leaves," Sudi said, and gave off the annual March anthem: chuck-a-ree, ok-a-lee, kwong-kar-ee, interspersed with lively whistles long and short. Every year at this time, undaunted by local weather perversities, these birds return from such exotic places as Costa Rica to stake out territory and get the summer breeding place ready for the return of the females and the raising of families.

The blackbirds in the sugar maple were silhouetted against the winter sky, or else we'd have seen the flashing of red lesser wing coverts, or "epaulets." Except for these bold ornaments, the male redwing blackbird is "black from head to tail and bill to nail, with slight greenish gloss" (E.H. Forbush, 1927). The epaulets, which can be revealed or hidden at will, give bright emphasis to points being made with body language such as bobbing and wing-spreading, and with song. The gist of all this artistic display is the typical bird territorial theme: beat it -- this turf is mine. Experiments with painting over the epaulets have shown that a bird invading another's territory will be ignored as long as its wings show no red. If the epaulets are revealed, the newcomer will be driven away. If they are artificially doubled in size, the bird may even be injured.

In a few weeks the males have the territories all sorted out and the females arrive. They must choose a mate carefully and what they are looking for is a good, productive territory. This is especially important since blackbirds are "polygynous," which means the male mates with two or three females. This means his territory must supply enough food for as many as three growing families at once.

Blackbird nests are usually near or over water, woven of sedges and grasses in shrubs or cattails. The adults feed on all sorts of insects including gypsy moth caterpillars (which are too hairy for some birds), canker worms, weevils, click beetles, and various grubs and larvae. As fruits and seeds become ripe later in the summer and fall, they add these to their diet. When the huge fall migratiion flocks form and head south, they can do damage to grain crops, but here in the summer breeding territories they help the farmers and gardeners by eating up insect pests.

After eleven days of incubation, the eggs hatch. About a week later the fledglings perch on the edge of the nest where they are fed by both parents and soon they take off to form fledgling flocks. By fall, the sexes separate into male flocks and female flocks. The birds in these can number in the tens of thousands. Forbush quotes Dr. T. Gilbert who describes a huge flock in the fall: ""In feeding on the ground they progress slowly across the country in a given direction. The birds at the back rise in a continuous cloud, and flying over their feeding friends, alight in the van of the army. Thus, like a vast wide black hoop, they roll across the peanut or millet fields, until reaching a thicket or wood, they all take wing with a rush..." Thoreau wrote in his journal in 1859 of seeing a flock of blackbirds coming head-on, so they were hard to see: "...so many fine dark points merely, seen against the sky -- but as often as they wheeled to right or left, displaying their wings flatwise and the whole length of their bodies, they were a very conspicuous dark mass. This fluctuation in the amount of dark surface was a very pleasing phenomenon. It reminded me [of] those blinds whose sashes [sic] are made to move all together by a stick, now admitting nearly all the light and now entirely excluding it; so the flock of blackbirds opened and shut."

A flock of blackbirds undulate, the front and rear portions moving alternately up and down like some kind of wave. It may swirl and flutter. Dr. T. Gilbert writes: "I have seen fully thirty thousand of them while in full flight suddenly turn to the right or left or at the same instant swoop downward as if they were all driven by common impulse."

What inspires thirty thousand blackbirds? I can't name it, but I'm so happy it's there I certainly won't complain about patching the sap buckets, or anything else March cares to dish out.

Bonner J. McAllester

WILDLIFE SURVEY

The Countryside. Mid-March hasn't seemed very much different from mid-February in the general look of the fauna and flora of the countryside. The long successions of days just below freezing and the frequent small snows have kept the wintry look in place. But on closer look, things are slowly happening: there is the glint of pussywillow fur in the swamps; red maple buds are showing and reddening; some spring birds appear on a warm day; a baby fox was spotted by Ann Higgins on Corashire Road, Mar. 5.

Spring Birds. This is the time when birds appear who clearly betoken spring. *Robins* have been noted widely: 6 on Egremont Rd. in Great Barrington, Jan. 23rd, on Billie and Albert Humphrey's lawn, a lot more two days later and then no more as of Feb. 19; Eleanor Kimberley saw a number in Tyringham, Mar. 5; David and Beryl McAllester saw five near Fairview Rd. in Great Barrington, in early March, and Dale Duryea saw several in his meadow in mid-March. *Red-winged blackbirds*: Barbara Tryon and Eleanor Kimberley saw them on New Marlboro Rd. and in Otis, respectively, on Mar. 5; Eleanor saw a *cardinal* and a pair of *flickers* Feb. 16. David and Beryl saw a *bluebird* on Stonybrook Road, Mar. 10, and Dale Duryea heard one in his orchard in the second week of March.

The usual year-round birds: These are well summed up in Eleanor Kimberley's report, of Feb. 19: *chickadees, tufted titmice, downy a nd hairy woodpeckers, nuthatches, juncos, bluejays, crows, and a hawk* after the hens. To these can be added a number of wild turkey sightings in and around Monterey. Little flocks of *goldfinches* are widely reported.

An opportunistic shrike. On Mar. 11, Mary Brock, on Mt. Hunger Road saw a *junco* fall, stunned, from a collision with one of her windows. She went to see if she could help it, but a shrike got there first and bore the victim off for gustatory purposes. Some months ago a shrike was attempting similar practices at the McAllester/Baker birdfeeder on Hupi Rd. It could have been the same one, learning that a dense population of small birds can be found around birdfeeders. However, very few shrikes have been reported in Monterey.

This reporter saw a shrike catch a bat, sixty years ago, in Mt. Auburn cemetery in Cambridge. The bat had just caught a large white moth - all this in the broad early-morning daylight.

Observations from Dale Duryea, Mar. 14. Black bear tracks have been seen at the upper end of Brett Road. Tracks of a young moose were reported along the edge of the east end of Lake Garfield. There have been several reports of coyotes howling and barking around town. The breeding months, Jan., Feb. and Mar., usually bring on a good deal of vociferation. On Mar. 8, a nonchalant mink crossed Main Road in front of Dale's car and then stopped and watched Dale turn into his driveway. It was a big male apparently headed for the lake.

In one of the warm spells in late Feb. or early Mar., a woodchuck also crossed the road into the Duryea meadow. In the warm spells flocks of geese have been seen going north. Then what do they do? We haven't seen them coming back when the days turn cold aga in.

Watercress. This stays bright green and tasty all winter in the brook below our spring. We brought some in, in a pan of water, a month ago and it has flourished and bloomed with tiny, white four-petaled flowers. Its peppery flavor gave its family the name nasturt ium ("nose torture") but, surprisingly, our cultivated nasturtiums don't belong to that family at all.

David P. McAllester

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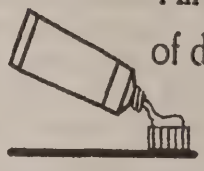

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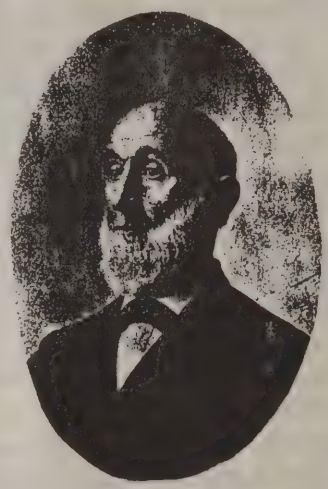
The twentieth century found the moral direction of the village still under the guidance of the Reverend John Dooly, who had retired to Monterey and then had been persuaded to accept the pastorate. Myra Mayo's wonderful biography of Dooly quotes an 1889 Albany Gazette describing Dooly as one who "understands human nature well and is not easily imposed upon."1 Monterey must have been so mething of a relief to Dooly, who had spent his working life in the missions of the Bowery of New York. Most manufacturing disappeared from Monterey as the water power driving Monterey's industries was superceded in the world by engines fueled by coal, oil or e lectricity, leaving a pastoral village and a smaller population - a happy situation for Dooly, who had seen the roughest of city life.

Summer People.....

Mayo's manuscript, which describes the meeting house as "a typical country church with a lovely white spire", credits Dooly with attracting many friends from New York to come and buy lots on the lakeside, where they built substantial homes. A summer colony, named Garfield Park, was started on the southern shore of the lake, and eleven cottages - some of them "very ornamental and expensive" - were built by 1900, and more were on the rise. Rock Ridge, costing the impressive sum of $45,000 to build in a time when the entire assessed value of the town was $229,207, had risen on the west shore. For the less well heeled, rooms in boarding houses like Prospect Hill and The Pines were available. One could, for example, have a room at the Lake Garfield Farm for a dollar a day, with picnic grounds, boats, good fishing - live bait a specialty - fresh eggs, vegetables and pure milk all advertised. Monterey had been discovered by city dwellers anxious to escape the noise and crowding of urban life. Three to four hundred boarders came each summer to the village, attracted by the air, which was "dry and braceing and very healthful, owing to the pine forests and the elevation:..."2 and by the peaceful, restorative scene and quiet nights.

A long distance telephone line was installed, mail was delivered once a day by the stage, and the village center held a schoolhouse (one of five in the town), Tryon's Hotel, Langdon's Store (with post office attached), a sawmill, a blacksmith shop, a cooperative creamery, and the town library. The name of the lake closest to town had been changed some twenty years earlier to honor the assassinated Preside nt who, as a youth, had spent happy times in the house of relatives at the base of Mt Hunger. In 1900, Dooly wrote in the church's centennial booklet:



The Rev. Dooly

"Very few of the farms in the township are idle. The general tone of morals is good, and the inhabitants are o rderly and law abiding. There has been no (liquor) license granted in the town for several years. The prospects are that Monterey will become each year more popular as a summer resort for a good class of city people...."3

Good Works.....

In the center of town's life, of course, still stood the meeting house. Dooly was well loved both in the town and beyond. His congregation of 117 members was engaged in serious and sober efforts and sometimes in stern Victorian sanctions as they asserted moral leadership in a population of 565. It took more than a profession of faith to remain in good standing; one had to attend chur ch regularly and staunchly resist unacceptable behavior. Drunkeness, swearing, public neglect of one's family could all be cause for a committee of two church members to call on the wayward, and if no change or regret was noted, then a second visit was made to try to reason with the reprobate and persuade him or her to return to the straight and narrow. No visible repentance meant a motion would then be brought to the whole congregation that "watch and care be withdrawn", leaving the sinner on his or her own. Membership was a serious obligation, and did not end at the doorway of the meeting house.

Supported by the funds of the First Congregational Society, the meeting house was maintained in reasonable shape but suffered a serious setback in 1901, when an investment in Nebraska land - the collapse of the Western Bonds - forced the Society to accept a loss of fifty per cent of the face value of their investment.4 Local resources took hold: a lot of organizing was going on. The Ladies Sewing Society had become the Ladies Missionary Auxillary; there was the Ladies Aid Society, not officially a church organization and open to women of all faiths, comprised of many of the village women and interested, among other good works, in supporting the meeting house by keeping it clean, raising funds for carpets and cushions, and giving substantial help to general fund raisin g efforts for aid to the down and out, help in scholarships, and observation of social amenities like flowers to the hospitalized, n otes of condolence and encouragement, and a covered dish supper to feed the community's stomachs and spirits. There were the Young Ladies Guild and the Young People's Society for Christian Endeavor, complete with missionary committee, Sunday school committee, look out committee (to keep an eye out for prospective members and "by personal investigation satisfy (themselves) of the fitness of per sons to become members of this society").5 They worked earnestly to promote their visions of a proper life, and, in effect, were t rained thereby to assume adult roles of leadership. Many of the names listed on the rolls of the Young People's Society would become staples in Monterey history. In 1911, for example, active mem-

bers included Julius Miner (later a proprietor of the General Store), Parker Harmon, who later owned the Gulf station that became Brooke Walsh's garage, the Goulds of Gould Farm, Mrs. Clarence Kinneof Kinne's Grove, Sheldon Fenn, the Bretts of Brett Road, Harvey Bogart, who would later own a sizeable portion of what is now Elephant Rock, Jared Thomson, and some fifty-five others.

A Temperance Committee had been formed, and enjoyed some success. Tryon's Hotel, for example, must have gone dry! Helen Towns end, a teacher at Hampton Institute, wrote in a poem entitled *The Women of the Church*, composed for the centennial booklet :

For temperence women's voices were raised Though many attempted to drown Their help has been great and up to this date We rejoice in a no-license town...._6

More Summer People....

The 1920's and 30's saw the growth of a second summer colony: Elephant Rock. Robert Brown of Oberlin, Ohio, felled trees on his land on the northern side of the lake and constructed a log cabin near a spring of pure water. Within the next fifteen years, other families connected by their Oberlin experiences and wide ranging friendships had built on the lakeshore and the former Dowd farm on Hupi Road. Hupi Road began to see more houses as well. At one point, grand plans were drawn up to subdivide a sizeable swath of l akeshore and hillside into lots of 50 wide by 150 feet deep in a development called the Berkshire Bungalow Club. Fortunately, investors purchased multiple lots and combined them into larger parcels before building. Summer camps - Owaissa and Monterey, later called the Jason Camps after "Chief" Jason, their owner and well loved founder, and Camp Fernside, later called Camp Glenmere and in its last years, Camp Shalom - grew up along the same side of the lake, and others - Half Moon, Meadow Lark, etc. - on the shores of Lake Buel or in the leafy green woods supplied the same healthful and refreshing experience for generations of campers. A nine hole golf course was built near the village, complete with clubhouse. The stage continued to run into Great Barrington for some time, but eventually was replaced by automobiles, which necessitated the widening of Route 23.

The meeting house saw various ministers come and go. John VanBurk served from 1911 to 1914. B.S. Crosby (1914-1918) served during a time when the second generation of Montereyans began to die, some as a result of the influenza epidemic of 1918: John Hyde, a member for 46 years... Wilbur Miner, 43 years... Mary Miner, who had joined in 1876. Long years seems one of the blessings of a Monterey life: in 1930, Anna Brochu died, having been a member since 1867, and in 1936, condolences were offerred the family of James G. Dowd, a member since 1863...an astounding 73 years of participation at the meeting house!

Crosby was followed in the pastor's place in 1920 by the Reverend R.H. Abercrombie, a charismatic and respected community leader. He reported the 1924 gift of a furnace - the meeting house's first - by the summer people, to replace the wood burning stove. Electric lights were installed by Wallace Tryon that year as well. Abercrombie organized and led a gala celebration of the 175th Anniversary of the gathering of the church in October of 1925 and that evening, at the close of the excitement and hooplah of the Anniversary observations, "the Ladies invited the guests to take a cup of tea in the Basement before taking their cold ride home"7 in their buggies or (perhaps) an open Model A car.

In 1928, with some excitement, the meeting house learned that it could become the home of an organ, purchased from the Clifford ale, Mass. church. The organ itself would cost $200 - a sum promptly raised by the Ladies Aid - and $135 more was given to disassemble it and transport it to Monterey. A small extension to the rear of the meeting house was created to install the works of the org an, and in January of 1929, H.A. Brownell of Winchester, Mass. rebuilt the organ

on its new site with some help from Dr. Crane, County Missionary, who played at the following Sunday service, "and we rejoiced in its sweet tone which has mellowed with age. We were proud of our organ but waited eagerly to hear what our summer friends would think of it, and so far as I have heard, all were enthusi astically pleased with it."8

Community life.....

The Ladies' Aid continue to raise funds to support the meeting house by offerring dinners on town meeting days, convenient sinc e the meetings themselves were held in the same building. Many of the names of women listed as active participants in those years a re familiar to townspeople of today, who are their children, grandchildren, friends: Hulda Westberg, Belle Weiss, Nina and Della Try on, Grace Miner, Edith Wilson, Margery McLaughlin, Mrs. Kinne, Mrs. Hebert, Lucy Eaton. Membership in the church itself held quite steadily at 75.

In 1940, the Rev. William Clark took the pastor's job, wanting to "minister through labor, which meant spending a portion of hi s time working for various men in the town, getting to know them and their families. The meeting house was filled on one summer Sund ay with children for Camp Fernway Sunday, on another for Gould Farm Sunday, or Old Home Sunday, or Grandfather's Sunday. On one February Sunday in 1944, a young man from Gould Farm preached on the need for better race relations, and the next week was asked to ste p in as interim pastor. W. Raymond Ward is still a part of Monterey's village.

Ray Ward was interested in agriculture, and had been the sanitation inspector for dairies in eastern Massachusetts. He had come to Gould Farm in 1942 to supervise farm operations, and was interested both in sharing his agricultural expertise and in the notion of an intentional community. He and his wife Mary had served in the pulpits of Conway, Massachusetts and Princeton, Maine as well as going in on an optimistic but short lived scheme to run a farm in upstate New York designed to serve foreign missionaries home on leave. In Monterey, Ray says, " didn't have to build community - it was here!"9

Rev. Ward's stint as interim pastor ended with the appointment of George Mahlon Miller, a retired minister who had a summer hom e in Monterey. A tall, thin man, Miller was a careful, conservative and traditional man, attractive to a town which had only 14 registered Democrats! Attendance at the meeting house swelled, particularly in the summer, even during the World War II. One casualty of the war was the golf course: it was eventually abandoned because of the lack of manpower available as village men and women we nt off to serve in the war or wartime industries and occupations.

Dr. Miller died in 1948 while still pastor, and Ray Ward was offerred a permanent post. "Well", he said, "I am not seeking the Monterey church, but do wish to be of service to the community, and so I accept."10 Ray had the additional advantage of being able to provide transportation to the meeting house, as he was also the village bus driver! That meant he knew all the village children, as he took them to school in the 1937 bus mounted on a truck chassis everyone called the Roller Skate. He was also the Town Clerk, often a member of the Board of Selectmen, or on the Board of Health, the Board of Public Welfare, the Finance Committee.

Ray and Mary Ward involved themselves and the meeting house fully in the town's life. Town meetings were held downstairs, and concerts by Richard Dyer Bennett and Carleton L'Hommedieu were enjoyed upstairs. One summer, an organist from Tanglewood had advanced students give a series of concerts. Pot luck suppers once a month with slide presentations afterwards, and sing-alongs on the front steps were popular summer amusements. The food co-op began using the downstairs as their regular distribution center. Town meetings were held each spring, with a community meal provided by the Ladies_ Aid.

Sadly, while being used more, the building also continued to deteriorate. In 1975, the Congregational Society, which had responsibility for raising funds to support the meeting house, decided to "get a tree company to use their bucket for Henry Bynack or his son to assess what needs to be done to the south and east cornices of the roof...."11 Temporary repairs were made, and the following years more repairs were undertaken. In the last 25 years, a rest room was added, insulation was donated for the organ alcove, the social room was painted, a new septic system had to be installed, but funds have not permitted the general overhaul of the building to keep destructive weathering out and restore what has already been lost. The belfry was shored up in 1992 with temporary repairs, and so it remains today, resting on two-by-four crutches above the main street.

What Now?

In 1995, the Congregational Society, which had served as the financial arm of the church since 1809, was formally dissolved. Responsibility for maintaining the meeting house came to rest with the Trustees. In the last entry of the Society's record, the Society's Clerk, Raymond Ward, wrote:

"Other hands may add to this record a history of the founding of this Society, but I have done what I could, and now my work is done. As the future comes rushing toward us, history gives us few clues on how to meet it, but it does tell us how we got where we are today. "The past is prologue. The future is God's gift." 12

Kathy Page Wasiuk

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IDs for photograph: l-r: Grace Burke, Dorothy Wells, Howard Wells, Hulda Westberg, Roland Tite, Richard Dyer-Bennett, Dean Amidon, Sheldon Fenn.

UPON MY WORD!

Word games are fun and seem to come and go in cycles. When I was a child there was "Knock! Knock! Who's There? Example: Orange juice . Orange juice who? "Orange juice sorry you made me cry!" or Knock! Knock! Who's there? Tarzan. Tarzan who? Tarzan stripes for ever wave.

Then came Stinky Pinky. My greatest achievement in this area came with "Who was Archimedes?" The Eureka Streaka! and "What would you call the cabinet a New Yorker would stash his whiskey in?" A Knickerbocker Lickerlocker! The idea was to get as many syllables goin g as possible.

My parents invented a delightful game called "Geos." The idea was to embroider a longish story ending with a question that had a geo graphical answer. Example: "What do cats do at night?" Rome! or "Did Aunt Doris buy the onions?" Alaska. These are simple versions. You could ask what continent? East, west? etc. any question answered by yes or no, until you narrowed it down to city, mountain, riv er etc. My father took the greatest pleasure in describing mini short stories. There was the pitiful story of the neglected wife in Sicily and her bedraggled kids looking for their father....and where did they find him? In the Barcelona! Have fun going to sleep tonight.

Alice O. Howell

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PERSONAL NOTES

Kudos to Lew and Joyce Scheffey, 1997 recipients of the Gt. Barrington Rotary Club's Citizens of the Year Award! We in Monterey know how well deserved this recognition is, having reaped the many rewards of their dedication and energy right in our own back yard! It is with gratitude and deep pride that we offer these wonderful neighbors of ours, recognized by one Rotarian as representing "the best of the unique Southern Berkshire spirit" our warmest, most heartfelt congratulations.

Congratulations to Tom Christopher whose fourth book has just been published by Random House! Co-authored with Marty Lasher, *The 20 Minute Gardener* is now available locally at the The Bookloft and, keep an eye out also for Tom's monthly column in *House and Garden* magazine! Wow! Tom is living in Cambridge with wife Suzanne, daughter of Gige O'Connell of Curtis Rd., who is on sabbatical from Weslyan University and doing research at MIT.

Welcome back to Alf and Lena Pedersen who enjoyed a February escape visiting son John and family in Pennsylvania, and daughter Ellen and family in Virginia. Lena worked diligently on her physical therapy exercises for that darned broken leg and, we are pleased to report, is getting around with more and more ease.

Gige O'Connell is happy to be home in Monterey after three weeks on balmy breezy St. Martin relishing in daily ocean swims...

Awesome news! Natasha Grotz (Dartmouth '95) has just been awarded a full Dartmouth Fellowship to pursue her Ph.D. in Molecular and Cellular Biology there starting in September, 1997! Following right on the heels of her sister Michelle's acceptance to Columbia Medi cal School, there is hardly room for all of us Grotz people on cloud nine! We are, needless to say very proud and overjoyed for both of them!

Congratulations to Rachel Rodgers who was named to the Dean's List at Wheaton College in Norton, MA for the fall semester. A junior, Rachel is the daughter of Bud and Cathy Rodgers of Main Rd. During the fall term Rachel did an internship at the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Boston, and in January she returned to the Cape May County Historical Museum in New Jersey where she had worked as the curator's assistant this past summer. Now participating in Boston University's study and internship abroad program. Rachel is in Paris, France for the spring semester. Go Rachel!

Hats off to all Monterey students named to the Honor Roll at Monument Mountain High School in Gt. Barrington for the second quarter! Achieving high honors in grade ten were Gabriel Schulze and David Shea and, in grade eleven, Bethany Sadlowski. In grade twelve Wil liam Mielke (Mike) earned high honors, and Morgan Clawson made honors. At Searles Middle School Maggie Clawson achieved high honors, and Lauren Goldfinger honors in grade eight.

And, great job Cameron King! Capping off a great ski race season, Cameron qualified for the USSA Jr II (15 & 16 yr. olds) Invitational Ski Race held at Great Gorge in New Jersey in March, and earned a place on the podium there with his second place finish in the giant slalom event. Cameron also raced to a top 10 finish in slalom, a great accomplishment among this field of about 50 top Eastern competitors. A sophomore at Monument Mountain, Cameron competes in the Tri-State league during the regular season and trains at Catamount. He is the son of Al and Beth King of Beartown Mt. Rd.

Very Happy Birthday wishes this month to Maynard Forbes and Wendy Tryon on April 2, to Eric Pedersen and Karl Quisenberry on April 4 , to Siobhanne Pope on April 5, to Bonnie Cox on April 8, to Andrew Doherty on April 16, to Don Coburn on April 18, to Cody Funk on April 24, to Carly Salamon Antonioli on April 25, to Richard Westenberg on April 26, and to Grace Burke on April 28. And, Happy Anniversary to Maynard and Gale Forbes on April 5.

We enjoy receiving your notes, birthday greetings, etc.. Please give me a call at 528-4519, or jot your items down and drop them in the mail to me, just Route 23. Thanks in advance!

Stephanie Grotz

REP RAP

I have filed and sponsored about 200 bills in this upcoming legislative session ranging from environmental affairs, public health and safety, consumer protection, and education. I will be utilizing this column over the next few months to go into detail on various pieces of legislation that I feel County residents will find of interest.

Last month, I reported on women's health issues and state funding of educational programs. This month I would like to focus on the expanded bottle bill. I am a co-sponsor of House bill 2457, known as the expanded bottle bill. This bill will, as its name suggests, expand on Massachusetts' current legislation which in 1982 established a bottle deposit system on all carbonated beverage containers. Based on the success of the existing bottle return program and the increased popularity of non-carbonated beverages, a return policy on individual sized non-carbonated beverage containers makes perfect sense.

We have a proposal before us that will allow us to curb the proliferation of bottled water and iced tea containers being tossed to the roadside. This updated bottle bill will increase the benefits we have already witnessed from the existing legislation. The current bottle bill has reduced roadside litter by 35 percent according to the Massachusetts Department of Public Works. This equates to a $1.7 million annual savings of your tax dollars that previously went to roadside cleanup activities. In addition, the policy has established a new cottage industry in Massachusetts which has resulted in the development of hundreds of new jobs.

An obvious benefit of a bottle bill is the reduction in landfill use. Massachusetts residents recycle nearly 1.7 billion containers.

That saves not only the space of 1.7 billion containers in our dumps, but it also saves Massachusetts residents $20 million in trash fees. These numbers show that the existing bottle bill saves valuable environmental space and tax dollars. Furthermore, it boosts the Massachusetts economy by creating jobs and saving consumers money. This expanded bottle bill has garnered bi-partisan support in Boston with 21 out of 40 (53 percent) of state senators and 88 out of 160 (55 percent) of representatives signing on in support.

Further, recent polling conducted by MASSPIRG shows that 84 percent of the residents polled support expanding the bottle bill. This groundswell of public support makes me proud to show my support for the expansion of the bottle bill by co-sponsoring the formal legislation. If you would like to discuss this, or any other issue in more detail, or if you have any questions or concerns that I may help with, please feel free to call my full-time district office at (413) 243-0289.

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SENATOR SAYS

The Legislative Session at the State House is increasingly busy as important issues affecting the residents of Massachusetts are addressed . While the votes in the Senate chamber often grab the headlines, some of the most vital work for the Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden and Hampshire District occurs in legislative committees, in informal meetings with other legislators and state officials, and in my work in the District itself.

School Building Funds. Many school districts around the Commonwealth are struggling with the need to build more modern facilities, to provide programs for students and to transport pupils from distant communities. Over one hundred school building projects currently await state funds for school construction and repair.

Many of these projects lie in the westernmost part of the state. In spite of this, the Governor's budget proposal calls for a school spending authorization for Fiscal Year '98 which is $20 million less than was authorized in Fiscal Year '97. An example of the consequences of such a proposed authorization cut was brought to my a ttention by Garth E. Story, the Superintendent of the Farmington River School District, where a project for a new Elementary School to serve children in Otis and Sandisfield is ready to go out to bid. Although level funding would allow the project to go forward right away, the school building project would be delayed by the Governor's proposal. I will work with the Senate leadership and other members to restore level funding for school building construction.

Fortunately, the Senate leadership appears unlikely to settle for the low school budget numbers proposed by the Weld administration. I strongly believe that small towns cannot be expected to pick up the tab for the modern facilities our children need and deserve, and I look forward to working with Senate President Thomas Birmingham and my Senate colleagues to insure that adequate resources are made available for school construction.

School Transportation Reimbursement. The Fiscal Year '98 budget will mark a welcome increase in regional school busing reimbursement money. In recent years, the state encouraged towns to form regional school districts, but then cut funds for transporting pupils. Because the Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden and Hampshire District contains many large regional school districts in rural areas contain ing students who live far apart, the costs of busing are very high. The Chairman of the state Board of Education has outlined a plan which would increase state funds for student transportation immedia tely, bringing the state's share of the costs to 100% by Fiscal Year 2000. I support this initiative, and will work in the Senate to assure its passage.

Free Care Bill Passed. I met with administrators and doctors at North Adams Regional Hospital and discussed the growing share of the cost of free care which the hospitals must provide. While the number of uninsured citizens in the Commonwealth has increased drama tically in recent years, the responsibility for providing health care for these citizens has not been shared equally by hospitals, the state, private insurers and health maintenance organizations.

Accordingly, I voted in favor of legislation which will ease the burden on hospitals and assign a measure of responsibility to all those associated with providing free care. The change effected by the legislation had been planned for some time, and follows several years of adjustments in the health care industry aimed at making the system more efficient. While the Senate has yet to address the larger question of access to health insur ance for the uninsured, the Free Care Bill will at least help to keep our hospitals financially healthy, and fairly distribute the costs of providing health care for uninsured citizens.

Senator Andrea F. Nuciforo, Jr.

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SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE NEWS

Monterey has done it again. Thanks to our good (if not perfect) recycling record the State has awarded us the grant for which we applied - 50 "Brave New Composter" composting bins.

When Wayne and I, as your District representatives, decided to apply for the grant we didn't realize the fol de rol involved. The deal is this: We sell them for 1/3 the retail price at $20 per bin. These monies are then put into a designated town account which, when it has accumulated enough funds, will enable us to puchase more bins. Sound complicated? It is a bit, but fear not. Our noble District Coordinator, Larry Lampman, says he will take on the required paper work.

We are also allowed to sell the bins to other towns, should we not have enough takers, but I doubt that that will be the case. There has been a lot of local interest in composting. Many bins were sold a few years ago here in town during the composting drive of The Center for Ecological Technology (CET). I would appreciate knowing how those of you who have bins are managing, and what your success or (God Forbid) failure rates have been.

CET has offered to conduct a "Backyard Composting" workshop at our transfer station sometime after our bins come in, which should be during the first two weeks of April. The bins will make lovely compost for you, as well as providing an organic garbage disposal method which is both easy and varmint proof. I have had one since 1991 which has happily been churning out wonderful compost all these years. Keep in mind that tipping fees are bound to go up in the future, and the more organic waste we can compost the less money Monterey will have to pay the landfill operators in Chiccopee.

On another front: Your local Solid Waste Committee with the help of Peter Brown and Joe Mallory are making a substantial effort to improve access and safety at the transfer station. The May Town Meeting Warrant will carry an item for for excavating and pouring a concrete pad for the metal container, moving the attendant's shed, building a new roadway, and necessary earth removal. As you know, the metal container now resides in the middle of the transfer station's "lower level" where it is pretty inaccessible except for giants. It also presents a danger to the life and limb of those good citizens who climb up to peruse its contents for a possible "private recycling" effort - (an activity which is very much condoned, incidentally, except for the climbing part. "Reuse" is the second of the three Waste Disposal "R"'s: • REDUCE • REUSE • RECYCLE • We hope one day to have a free flea market, at the transfer station, for just such a purpose.) A new metal container (promised us gratis, by the Master Garbologist, when this project is complete, will be moved next to the present waste compactor. This will put all our ducks in a row, so to speak, and make it lots easier to recycle those maddening little metal things which the MRF can't accept, such as spent spoons, grizzled griddles, defunct doorknobs, etc.

Our Bulky Waste Days: Summer: July 9th, 11th and 13th. Fall: October 22nd, 25th, 26th. These dates are subject to change.

If we can gather the troops we are still are planning to do an educational, very gentle, recycling instructional this spring. It may include asking you to open those big black plastic bags that may or may not hide all sorts of recycling no nos. I would like to offer random prizes for perfect scores; ie, bags containing no recyclable items.

In my last article I asked for your thoughts on all this. Haven't heard from anyone, but I'm sure we will when we start this. What do you think?

Joyce Sheffey

Christopher Burkhart

Christopher Burkhart, 21, of 114 Gould Road died Thursday at Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield. His vital organs were donated through the New England Organ Bank.

Born in Petoskey, Mich., on April 17, 1975, son of Wayne and Donna Carol Beachy Burkhart, he graduated with high honors from Mount Everett Regional High School where he was a member of chorus, band and The Madrigal Singers, and participated in Shakespeare performances. He attended Boston College where he was a member of the marching band.

Mr. Burkhart had worked for The Hillside Restaurant, Bel-Air Farm, Butternut Basin and the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation.

He had a passion for literature and music and was preparing for a performance of "The Messiah" in May with The Berkshire Concert Choir.

Besides his parents of Monterey, he leaves a brother, Shaylan Burkhart at home, and paternal grandparents, Menno and Mary Burkhart of Brutus, Michigan.

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THE OBSERVER - FEBRUARY

The weather of the winter nearly past continues in March—so far. At least now it feels climatically correct. It was winter in spring clothing all along, but now the sap is running, mud is alternating with ice, and one Friday morning in the middle of March the air filled with swirling snow for a few hours, just the way it used to on a regular basis in the dead of an old-fashioned winter. The high temperature recorded on February 22, at the full moon, was a regional record, and the average temperature for the month this year was all but 6° warmer than the average a year ago. There was a lot more snow last winter, too—unless there are several feet still to come.

High temp (2/22)	62.0°
Low temp. (2/25)	5.2°
Wind-chilled low temp. (2/25)	-32.8°
Avg. high temp.	37.4°
Avg. low temp.	20.5°
Avg. temp.	28.95°
Monthly norm. (Pitts.)	22.5°
Precip. occ.	12 days
Rainfall	.80"
Snowfall	17.5"
Total precip.	2.97"
Monthly norm. (Pitts.)	2.78"
High bar. press. (2/4)	30.48"
Low bar. press. (2/27)	29.48"
High wind gust (2/22)	45 mph

COUNCIL ON AGING

Spring has arrived and the Senior Luncheons will start again. The Monterey COA will host a Spring Luncheon at noon on Friday, April 25 in the basement of the Town Hall. It's been a long winter. Come and visit old friends. Pauline Nault

GRANGE NEWS

The next meeting of the Grange #291 will be April 16. The agriculture and conservation committee will be in charge of the program.

At the March 19 meeting, a beef stew was served, followed by a St. Patrick's program. Proceeds from a fund-raiser went to a school for the Beverly School for the Deaf. Eleanor Kimberly won the shamrock game, and the surprise of the evening was the announcement of the engagement and pending marriage of our worthy secretary Alice Shaffer to Leslie Davis of Housatonic.

Fraternally yours,
Mary Wallace

Dear Friends,

John and I have enjoyed living in Monterey all these years. Leaving is not easy. So many to thank for so much. We take with us many fond memories. We will miss you.

Sincerely,
Agnes and John Mulroy

CALENDAR

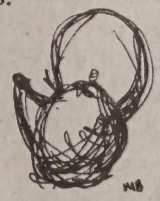
Sundays, AA meetings, 9 a.m. in the Monterey Firehouse, Main Road.

Tuesday, April 15. Free blood pressure clinic, 9–10:30 a.m. in the basement room of the Monterey Grange (town offices), Main Road.

Wednesday, April 16. Meeting of the Monterey Grange No. 291, 8 p.m. at the Grange Hall.

Wednesday, April 16. Meeting of the Southern Berkshire Solid Waste District, 7 p.m. in the church basement.

Saturday, April 26, Square and Contradance Party at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, 8–12 p.m. Music by Mountain Laurel, calling by Joe Baker. All dances taught, beginners and children welcome. Adults $5, children $2. For info, 413-528-9385/518-329-7578.



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